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[Following is a translation of selected articles from the Chinese-language monograph Fukien Kuei-ch'iao Shou-ts'e (Fukien Handbook for Returned Overseas Chinese), compiled by the Returned Overseas Chinese Association of Foochow, and published probably in 1955.]

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I. TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE ENTERING AND
LEAVING THE COUNTRY

Promulgated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central
People's Government on 2 August 1951

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The following Temporary Procedures are enacted to supervise the borders of the Fatherland and to facilitate the departure and entry of our overseas brethren:

I. Overseas Chinese who wish to leave or to enter the country are permitted to do so provided they hold the visa and other identity documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of our People's Republic of China or offices in charge of foreign affairs at various places within the country or our diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

II. Overseas Chinese returning from countries which have not yet established diplomatic relations with our People's Republic of China and who possess none of the aforementioned passport visa and other identity documents must apply for a "Certificate of Returned Overseas Chinese" at the border security checkpoints of the local people's government when they enter the border so that their status as Overseas Chinese can be verified and the People's Government may extend to them the necessary cares.

III. Overseas Chinese who are leaving the country for countries which have not yet established diplomatic relations with our People's Republic of China must possess certificates issued by the ward and township people's governments or the overseas Chinese affairs offices of various levels of the People's Government and apply for overseas Chinese exit permits at the public security offices of the people's governments of the county (municipality) where they originally came from or where they reside at present, and leave the country at designated points.

IV. Overseas Chinese leaving and entering the country must follow the stipulations of the Temporary General Regulations on Inspecting Passenger's Luggage issued by the Administrative Council by producing the aforementioned passport visa and other identity certificates and the luggage and goods carried in person for inspection by border security office of the local people's government without defiance at the time when they pass through the exit and entry points.

V. Overseas Chinese who are leaving and entering the country and whose passport visa and other identity documents are overdue or fail to meet the requirements may be instructed by the border security office of the people's government to make separate applications

for departure and entry or to no longer attempt to leave or enter the country.

VI. These Procedures have been submitted to the Administrative Council of the Central People's Government for approval and will be promulgated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government for implementation. When these Procedures become effective on the date of promulgation any provisions in the present procedures of various places which are in conflict with various provisions of these Procedures shall be rescinded immediately.

(Reprint from the Fukien Daily News of 6 August 1951)

II. REGULATIONS FOR TRAVELERS GOING TO AND COMING FROM HONGKONG AND MACAO

Kung-pien-ching No. 177 Announcement of the Ministry of Public
Security of the Central People's Government

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In order to strengthen the order of state society and to closely guard against anti-revolutionary elements from sneaking in and out to engage in sabotage activities, the following Regulations are enacted to govern travelers going to and coming from Hongkong and Macao.

I. Travelers coming from and going to Hongkong and Macao must pass through the exit and entry points announced by the local people's government above the level of province. They are not allowed to pass through any other points.

II. Travelers coming from and going to Hongkong and Macao must apply in advance the exit and entry permits at the public security office of the people's government of their residence and their destinations. The procedures for application are as follows:

(1) Travelers going to Hongkong and Macao must bring their household registration books (residents of rural areas may obtain written certificates from the ward and township governments) and documents certifying their occupations to the public security bureau or sub-bureau of the people's governments of the county and municipality where they reside to make application beforehand.

(2) Travelers who wish to come to the interior from Hongkong and Macao must apply in advance at the public security bureau or sub-bureau of the people's governments of the county and municipality where they originally came from or where their destinations are.

III. Overseas Chinese who are returning to the country or leaving the country via Hongkong and Macao shall follow the Temporary Procedures for Overseas Chinese Leaving and Entering the Country promulgated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government.

IV. Aliens who are coming to the interior from Hongkong and Macao or leaving the interior for Hongkong and Macao shall follow the Alien Control Procedures.

V. Travelers going to and coming from Hongkong and Macao must follow the stipulations of the Temporary General Regulations on Inspecting Passenger Luggage issued by the Administrative Council by producing the aforementioned identity documents and goods and

luggage carried in person for inspection by the border security office of the local people's government without defiance at the time when they pass through the exit and entry points.

VI. Those who sneak in and out without permit, when discovered, shall be punished according to the law.

VII. Provisions in the present measures of various places which are in conflict with the various aforementioned Regulations shall be rescinded immediately.

The above provisions shall become effective 1 September 1951.

(Reprint from Fukien Daily News of 6 August 1951)

III. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON LUGGAGE AND GOODS BROUGHT
BY OVERSEAS CHINESE WHEN RETURNING TO THE COUNTRY

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(Q) When Overseas Chinese return to the country with luggage and goods, what kind of preferential treatment will they enjoy? Are goods entrusted by overseas Chinese abroad for delivery to their families in the country or goods (gifts included) brought back by returned overseas Chinese subject to duty?

(A) The People's Government has taken necessary and reasonable consideration in the matter of levying and exempting duties on luggage and goods brought by returned overseas Chinese for their personal and family use and the goods carried by them on behalf of others. "The Temporary Preferential Procedures for Exempting Duties on Luggage and Goods Brought Back by Returning Overseas Chinese" promulgated by the General Administration of Maritime Customs has already provided: Goods brought back by returning overseas Chinese for personal and family uses and as gifts, in addition to being exempted from import duty as those brought back by ordinary travelers, are free of customs duty and commodity tax on dutiable portion not exceeding people's currency 150 yuan in total value. Only portions exceeding this value are subject to levy of duty. As for goods brought back by returning overseas Chinese on behalf of others, they may be considered as a part of dutiable goods brought back by returning overseas Chinese for their personal use and the dutiable goods not exceeding people's currency of 150 yuan in total value shall be given the preferential treatment of duty exemption. Only the portion exceeding this value is dutiable.

(Q) Why are goods brought back by returning overseas Chinese occasionally turned over by customs to state-operated companies to purchase?

(A) When passengers in general enter the country, the luggage and goods brought back by them are limited to those for their own use and for their households and those not for sale, nor being carried on behalf of others. As for a small amount of goods brought back by overseas Chinese or on behalf of others, even though exceeding the stipulated value, the customs of the Fatherland will waive the import permit requirement and impose duty in accordance with the minimum rate; only the large amount of commodities brought back by them will be turned over to the state-operated companies for purchase at reasonable prices. By so doing, not only will the preferential treatment and care extended to overseas Chinese by the

government of the Fatherland be adequately implemented but also the State Organs' control of the market will be facilitated.

(Excerpt from the "Answers to Some Questions on Overseas Chinese Affairs" compiled by the Returned Overseas Chinese Association of the Municipality of Peiping)

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